

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for scanning a photographic film that may be a positive or negative film type, comprising the steps of successively:

performing a pre-scan of the photographic film using a scanner;
sampling a color density of at least one location of the film;
comparing the color density to a standard range indicating an orange bias for the at least one location that is high enough to represent only a negative film type; and
setting the scanner to treat the photographic film as a negative film type if the color density is within the standard range and to otherwise treat the photographic film as a positive film type.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the standard range is a mix of red, green, and blue in relative proportions, in an 8-bit system,
the red is greater than 150;
the green is greater than 75; and
the blue is less than 50.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the color density is determined for each of red, green and blue.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the color density for each of the red, green and blue is averaged for the red, green and blue, respectively, for each of the at least one locations and the average is employed in the step of comparing.

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17. (previously presented) A method of preparing a scanner to scan a photographic film that may be a positive or negative film type, comprising the steps of successively:

measuring respective color densities of three different color hues, red, green and blue, in the photographic film;

comparing the color densities to a standard range which indicates an orange bias that is high enough to represent only a negative film type; and

triggering the scanner to treat the photographic film as a negative film type automatically when the color densities are within the standard range and to otherwise treat the photographic film as a positive film type automatically when the color densities are not within the standard range.

18. (previously presented) A method of preparing a scanner to scan a photographic film that may be a positive or negative film type, comprising the steps of successively:

- measuring color characteristics of the photographic film;
- determining whether the color characteristics are within a particular range that indicates an orange bias high enough to represent a negative film type and not a positive film type; and
- triggering the scanner to treat the photographic film as a negative film type automatically when the color densities are within the particular range and to otherwise treat the photographic film as a positive film type automatically when the color densities are not within the particular range.